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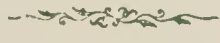
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# Rocky Mountain Wildflower Seed



BEAR GRASS

## For Your Rock Garden



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALPINE  
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# The Fascination Of Rock Gardening

Rock gardening, well done, is the most subtle expression of the ancient garden art. But at the outset there should be a warning. The culture of alpine or high mountain and saxatile or rock plants is decidedly different from the cultivation of most garden plants. Many of them require special care, though this care is not difficult, and consists largely of the proper preparation of the soil and the selection of the site. Now, if the blooming of some coarse, cabbage-like plant is to you the acme of garden endeavor you will do well to read no farther. But let us wander, in imagination, up into a high meadow in the western mountains. There are spread vast acres of golden-yellow glacier lilies with a scattering of the exquisitely white blossoms of the chalice cup. Let us continue up to the rock ledges and find there banks of saxifrages, beds of Dryad with its lovely white blossoms, low cushions of carpet pink ablaze with a profusion of flowers. If there stirs within you the desire to reproduce this beauty in your own garden, even on the most modest scale then you have the soul of a true rock gardener.

## The Cultivation Of Alpine & Saxatile Plants

It will be encouraging to you to hear that the culture of most rock garden plants is not difficult. It is well, though not essential, to build a rock garden. Most true alpine plants need good drainage which means sand and gravel together with peat or leaf mold, and ordinary loam. They should be watered from below rather than directly on the surface. The more particular ones, especially in the southern parts of the country, will do best with partial shade.

Best results are secured by planting alpine seeds in fall or in early spring so they may be frozen. This facilitates germination. Start them directly in the rock garden, or, preferably, in pots or boxes with a mixture of sand, loam, and peat. A few alpines are very slow to germinate, and in extreme cases require twelve months, so do not become discouraged if your plants do not show as soon as you think they should. When your rockery blooms, and you have the satisfaction of beholding the exquisite

blossoms of some rare alpine in your own garden you will never fail to feel the thrill that is your reward.

## Terms Of Sale

All packets are fifteen cents. Postage is paid on all orders of one dollar or more. If your order is less than a dollar please add ten percent to cover mailing costs. An order blank is enclosed for your convenience.

## The Seeds

*Allium cernuum* **Nodding Onion** Nodding pink flowers. Very sandy soil in a sunny place in the rock garden.

*Allium fibrosum* **White Onion** (*bullets*) Showy clusters of white flowers. Moist ground.

*Allium sibiricum* **Purple Onion** An interesting and easily cultivated plant with heads of lavender flowers. Excellent for moist, partially shaded ground and pool margins.

*Anemone globosa* A good plant for the rock garden, growing 8-15 inches high. Bears hairy, divided leaves and flowers cream-white or pale-blue outside and yellow inside. Wants good drainage and plenty of sun.

*Aquilegia flavescens* **Yellow Columbine** Somewhat large for the small rock garden, but a lovely clear-yellow columbine well suited to the perennial border. Plant seeds directly in any good garden loam.

*Arctostaphylos Uva-ursi* **Bearberry** A widely-known prostrate shrub bearing mats of dark, evergreen leaves. Pink, bell-shaped flowers are replaced by bright-red berries. Excellent for the rockery. Wants sand and leaf-mold.

*Balsamorhiza saggitata* **Balsamroot** A very showy plant. Clumps of gray-green leaves develop large yellow flower heads. Too large for the rock garden. Needs good drainage and a sunny location.

*Camassia quamash* **Blue Camas** Hyacinth-like spikes of gloriously deep blue flowers. One of the splendors of the low, June meadows in the northern rockies. Rich, deep sandy loam, with abundant moisture in the spring.

*Castilleja lancifolia* **Indian Paintbrush** Of the brilliant paintbrush tribe none is lovelier than this pink-flowered form. Difficult, but worth trying. Good drainage.

*Clematis columbiana* **Purple Clematis** Clambering vine with large lavender flowers. Suitable for rockery. Slow germinating. Acid soil; good drainage.

*Clintonia uniflora* **Queencup** Large, star-like white flowers. Prussian-blue berries. 4-5 inches. Excellent for shaded place. Acid soil.

*Dryas Drummondii* **Yellow Dryad** Mat of interesting white & green leaves; yellow flowers. Very desirable for rockery. Rarely offered. Sand, loam & leaf-mold.

*Dryas octopetala* **White Dryad** Widely used for rock gardens. Flowers white; more open than in the preceding. Culture similar.

*Epilobium latifolium* **Alpine Fireweed** Large magenta flowers; blue-green leaves. 6-10 inches. Rock or moraine garden.

*Erigeron salsuginosus* **Showy Fleabane** Lavender-pink flower rays; yellow center. About 12 inches. Loam, sand & leaf-mold.

*Eriogonum Piperi* **Sulphur Plant** Clusters of sulphur-yellow flowers borne on stalks from a mat of leaves. 8-10 inches. Loam, sand & leaf-mold.

*Eriogonum subalpinum* **Umbrella Plant** Similar to above except for cream & pink flowers & leaves whitened beneath. Good drainage & sun.

*Erythronium grandiflorum* **Glacier Lily** High meadows covered with glacier lilies are a never-forgotten sight. Deep-yellow nodding blossoms. 6-8 inches. Slow germinating. Loam, sand & leaf-mold; partial shade.

*Gaillardia aristata* **Gaillardia** Showy yellow flower heads; brown center. Much admired. Some lime; sun.

*Gentiana calycosa* **Blue Gentian** Perhaps the finest of the native gentians. Very deep blue. In clumps about 8 inches high. Loam, sand & leaf-mold; lime. Partial shade.

*Heuchera glabella* **Alumroot** Clumps of interesting leaves bear stalks with spikes of pale yellow flowers. Excellent for rockery. Sun.

*Iris missouriensis* **Western Iris** Pale blue. 2 feet. Moist ground & pool margins.

*Lappula diffusa* **Bur Forget-me-not** A lovely plant related to the common forget-me-not. 12-18 inches. Good garden loam.

*Lupinus tenellus* **Bush Lupine** Lavender & blue; prolific bloomer. 2-3 feet. good drainage; sun.

*Mimulus Leavissii* **Red Monkeyflower** Deep-red, snap-dragon-like flowers. 12-18 inches. Must have abundant moisture. Fine for pool margins.

*Monarda menthaefolia* **Bergamot** Rose-lavender flowers. Very showy. Pleasant pungent fragrance. 12 inches. Best of drainage & full sun.

*Opuntia polyacantha* **Hardy Prickly Pear** A good hardy cactus for the rockery. 4 inches. Flowers saffron, very showy. Sandy loam.

*Penstemon ellipticus* **Alpine Beardtongue** Prostrate shrubby mat bearing a profusion of lavender flowers. One of the finest of the splendid penstemon tribe. Rock garden. New.

*Penstemon linearifolius* **Beardtongue** Similar to preceding, but more upright. Good drainage; full sun.

*Penstemon virens* **Blue Beardtongue** Very brilliant blue. Prolific bloomer. 8-12 inches. Best of drainage & full sun.

*Phacelia sericea* **Silky Phacelia** Finely cut gray-green leaves. Showey spikes of purple flowers. 8-12 inches. Limey soil & full sun.

*Physaria didymocarpa* **Double Bladderpod** Very interesting & unusual. Attractive yellow flowers are replaced by inflated, balloon-like pink & green pods. Rosettes of silver-gray leaves. Limey clay & gravel. New.

*Pulsatilla occidentalis* **Chalice Cup** Crocus-like white cups with yellow centers. Leaves & stems gray-green; softly hairy. Sand, leaf-mold & loam; partial shade.

*Saxifraga bronchialis* **Spotted Saxifrage** White flowers with purple spots, borne profusely from a mat of leaves. Loam, sand and leaf-mold. Good drainage; sun.

*Sedum integrifolium* **Fed Sedum; Stonecrop** Fleshy lerves. Very deep red flowers. 2-4 inches. Rockery.

*Silene acaulis* **Carpet Pink** Widely used for rockery. Dense cushions of leaves covered with pink flowers. 2 inches. Sand, loam and leaf-mold.

*Smelowskia americana* **Wild Candytuft** Cut leaves and dense clusters of fragrant white flowers. Splendid for rock garden. 6-10 inches. Some lime.

*Sphaeralcea rivularis* **Wild Hollyhock** Only distantly related to the common hollyhock. Grows in clumps 2-4 feet high. Flowers 1 1-2 inches across; pale-pink; borne on long, dense spikes. Good garden loam.

*Spiraea densiflora* **Pink Meadowsweet** A low shrub with clusters of fragrant, bright-pink flowers. Suitable for larger rock gardens. Good sandy loam.

*Xerophyllum tenax* **Beargrass** Perhaps the showiest plant of the northern Rockies. Clumps of grass-like leaves bear stalks with plumes of numerous small white, lily-like flowers. Sandy loam; good drainage.

## Special Offer

The following selection of twelve packets of perennial seed is suited to a variety of locations in your garden. The twelve packets, with a value of \$1.80, are offered at the reduced price of \$1.50, postage paid. One packet of each of the following is included: *Allium sibiricum*, *Cammassia quamash*, *Eriogonum subalpinum*, *Erythronium grandiflorum*, *Gaillardia aristata*, *Mimulus Lewisii*, *Monarda menthaefolia*, *Opuntia polyacantha*, *Penstemon virens*, *Phacelia sericea*, *Pulsatilla occidentalis*, and *Xerophyllum tenax*.



In case the supply of any seeds listed is exhausted, we will substitute others, in our opinion, equally desirable. If this is not satisfactory please so state on your order, and the difference will be refunded.

